

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 4, 5, 10, and 11 are pending, with Claims 4 and 11 being independent. Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 4 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 4, 5, 10, and 11 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 6,792,617 B2 (Gorbatov, et al.), US 6,798,971 B2 (Potrebic), and newly-cited US 6,359,636 (Schindler, et al.). Claim 6 was objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 has been amended to include the features of objected-to Claim 6.

Claim 11 has been amended in like fashion, and therefore is also submitted to be allowable.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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